## King County Community and Human Services Office of the Public Defender (OPD) – Summary Dashboard Report

1.354

90%

<b>Product Measures</b>							
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	2011 YTD					
# of cases assigned	6,181	12,464					
# of clients assigned	5,659	11,356					
# of clients screened	2,775	5,640					
# of promissory notes							
issued	2,064	4,174					
Total promissory notes	\$225,584	\$456,711					
# of expert requests	1						

722

90%

#### **Product Improvements**

received

% of expert requests

approved by OPD

Case Assignment & Credit Processing: After a series of staff operations meetings with juvenile offender and dependency staff, several adjustments to procedure to the assignment and credit processing procedures were made. A form was created to better explain contract requirements which reduced the number of questions by contract agencies when credits are denied and reduced the number of credit requests erroneously submitted.

**Electronic Assignments**: OPD working with contractors to implement sending Assignment Sheets via email rather than printing and having contractors pick up hard copies from OPD office. Targeted to start Fall 2011.

#### **Continuing Legal Education Updates**

Thirty-one public defense attorneys attended OPD's fourth annual three-day trial advocacy training in May. Evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. One attorney commented, "This was one of the few CLEs I've ever attended which I left with new, immediately useable info and skills." Another attorney stated, "I can say without reservation that these seminars have noticeably raised the quality of defense lawyering in King County."

#### **Other Notable Items**

Pending aggravated murder cases: C. Monfort pending case, M. Anderson, J. McEnroe are pending trial, I. Kalebu completed. G. Ridgway was charged and convicted in January on one count of Aggravated Murder, and sentenced to Life without Parole. Codefendants in triple homicide, Avila-Cardenas & Velez-Fombona were briefly ordered staffed as death penalty cases.

<b>Business Plan Perfor</b>	mance	Measur	es			
Contract Period 7/1/10 – 6/30/11	Status	Hist. Avg	2010 Target	2010 Jan-Dec Actual	10-11 Contract Actual	Bench mark
Felony variance		2.28%	≤ 0%	2.4%	2.40%	
Misdemeanor variance		6.95%	≤ 0%	20.5%	7.9%	
Juvenile variance		2.32%	≤ 0%	-9.3%	-13.04%	
Dependency variance		2.15%	≤ 0%	0.0%	0.46%	
Avg days to IC felony assignments	<b>A</b>	.77	≤1 day	.80	.90	
# of complaints received and % determined to be valid		93/2%	100/0%	87/1%	47/2%	/10%
% of clients contacted within contract guidelines	<b>A</b>	77% IC 93% OC	100%	94% IC 100%OC	annual site visit	

# Other Performance Measures Becca variance $\bullet$ 3.16% $\leq$ 0% 2.0% 0% ITA variance $\checkmark$ 21.92% $\leq$ 0% 17.4% 20.97% Improving –Target achievable = $\bullet$ Unfavorable Trend–Target not attainable = $\checkmark$ Watch–Target at risk = $\checkmark$

## **Division Director's Message**

There are several issues from the end of 2010 which will impact the OPD budget for 2011 and 2012:

- Interim case weighting, extraordinary case credits, persistent offender credits, and extra credits allowed on felony cases in 2010 were the equivalent of 14.9 FTE additional defense counsel funding. Contractors are increasing the use of Interim Case Weighting credits.
- Truancy case projections will be impacted by the Washington Supreme Court decision in Bellevue School District v. E.S., issued June 9, 2011. Adjusted caseload projections and costs have been included in amendments to the 2011-2012 Public Defense contracts.
- Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers for increased DUI patrols were added effective 7/1/10. This will likely increase the number of DUI cases in the county by 1,200 per year, with OPD receiving at least half of those and appointing counsel at the rate of about 60 to 75% of DUI's filed. Recent reports from the WSP and District Courts indicates increase in filings consistent with OPD estimates,
- Backlog of felonies, misdemeanor and DUI cases at the PAO, equivalent to 5 defense attorney caseloads.
- Juvenile offender filing practices changed on misdemeanor cases including a pre-filing diversion pilot project.
- Continued increase in ITA cases.
- WA Supreme Court is considering approving standards for indigent defense that will have a
  policy and fiscal impact on King County.

Actual variances are relevant only at the end of each contract (June 30 reconciled variances). Quarterly variances or end-of-calendar-year variances are interim measurements only.

#### Definitions

Becca: Juveniles charged under the Becca Bill
Dependency: Child dependency hearings on parental

IC: In custody

ICW: Interim Case Weighting

ITA: Involuntary Treatment Act hearings

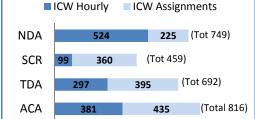
OC: Out of custody

COC: Contempt of court hearings Misd: King County Misdemeanor

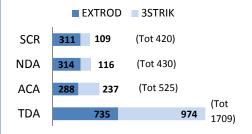
### Interim Case Weighting Review

Period: July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2011

#### Agency Disparities: NDA is #1 in Hourly Credits but has smallest contract



#### **TDA leads in approved Extra Credits**



## 300 Extra Credits Issued on 697 cases nds over 34 additional FTE attorneys

